

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of:                                              | )           | Art Unit: 1724        |
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| Richard SMITH                                                      | )           | Examiner: C. BARRY    |
| Serial No.: 09/662,507                                             | )           | Confirmation No. 2262 |
| Filed: September 14, 2000                                          | )           | Washington D.C.       |
| For: SMALL-SCALE HYDROGEN-<br>OXIDIZING-DENITRIFYING<br>BIOREACTOR | )<br>)<br>) | December 30, 2002     |

## AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

In response to the Office Action of

June 28, 2002, for which a three-month extension of time
to respond is hereby requested, please enter the
following amendment:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please enter the following new claim:

14. (New) The method according to claim 1 wherein the nitrate-contaminated water is drinking water.